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SUBJ: 13TH SESSION IBE COUNCIL GENEVA, 6-9 JAN 1976

1. PRESIDENT AGBLEMAGNON AND IBE DIRECTOR FERNIG OPENED MEETING. BINDA REPRESENTED US ON 6 JAN. TINSMAN ARRIVED FOR AFTERNOON SESSION 7 JANUARY. CHAIR EMPTY DURING MORNING DUE TO BIND'S HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE.

2. DISCUSSION GENERALLY POSITIVE, SUBSTANTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4. GENERAL MINOR REVISIONS TO BE MADE TO THESE REPORTS.

3. ONE ISSUE OF SIGNIFICANCE SURFACED ON 6 JAN. ITEM 4 (C.XIII/3), PARAS 4 AND 5. IRAQ PROPOSED INCREASE IN IBE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FROM 21 TO 30, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT APPROVED AT LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE. SENEGAL AND NIGERIA SUPPORTED IRAQI PROPOSAL. GERMAN FED REP, SWITZERLAND AND NETHERLANDS OPPOSED EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP. BRAZIL SUGGESTED COMPROMISE OF 25. FERNIG EFFECTIVELY BUT POSSIBLY ONLY TEMPORARILY TABLED FURTHER DISCUSSION, SUGGESTING IT WAS PREMATURE FOR COUNCIL TO PURSUE SUCH EXPANSION SINCE IT WAS A MATTER FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASSURED US REP THEY WILL VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL, SHOULD IT BE RAISED

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AGAIN. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME HOW OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

WOULD VOTE. US WILL OPPOSE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

4. PARA 15 SPECIAL THEME OF 1977 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
EDUCATION IS TO BE CLARIFIED. US REP HAS US POSITION
PAPER AND WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE US CONCERN KNOWN AND REMEDY.

5. NO INFORMATION YET ON INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREAT OFFICE
QUESTION REFERENCE STATE 997.

6 DELEGATES FROM FINLAND, IRAQ,INDIA, MALAYSIA, USSR,
NETHERLANDS AND FRG PROPOSED NEW TOPICS FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF
IBE BULLETIN, SUCH AS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (USSR), LONG-RANGE
ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (MALAYSIA),
AND SURVEY ON NEED FOR BUILDINGS FOR SCHOOLS IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES(INDIA). IBE DIRECTOR INTERVENED COMMENTING THAT
NEW FORMAT FOR IBE BULLETIN MAY BE IN ORDER, SUCH AS REPORTING
ON CASE HISTORIES AND "SUCCESS STORIES" BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES
AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

7. FERNIG MADE GENERAL STATEMENT THAT IBE EXPECTS FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS IN 1976, BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND HIGH COST OF 1975
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION. DALE

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